

In re Patent Application of:  
**KELVIN TODD EVANS**  
Serial No. **10/620,283**  
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### Remarks

Applicant and the undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for his efforts and guidance provided in the examination of this application. Claims 1-33 remain in the case. Claims 1-33 were objected to because of informalities identified by the Examiner, which formalities are now corrected in the herein amended claims as guided by the Examiner. Claims 1-33 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,988,943 to McCord.

Independent Claims 1, 7, and 26 are further amended to more clearly define the invention and distinguish over the prior art. By way of example, the elongate tubular body having at least one effluent retention portion and at least one conduit portion formed therein is now further limited to include the at least one effluent retention portion and the at least one conduit portion extending longitudinally along the longitudinal axis. In addition, the first and second transverse ports extend outwardly from the longitudinal axis in opposing directions. Independent Claim 19 is amended to an elongate tubular body having an input conduit portion and an opposing output conduit portion extending along a longitudinal axis of the elongate tubular body. Such features are clearly supported by the specification as originally presented and described with reference to FIGS. 1 and 2, and originally filed dependent claim 4, by way of example. No new matter is added by this amendment. Further, McCord '943 does not disclose, nor suggest, such a structure.

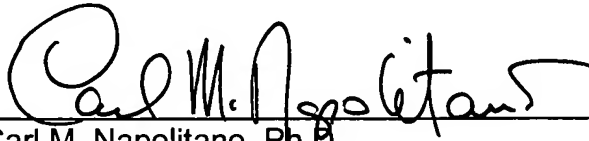
Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments place this application in a condition for allowance, and passage to issue is respectfully solicited. The Applicant and the undersigned would like to again thank the Examiner for his efforts in the examination of this application and for reconsideration of the claims as amended in light of the arguments presented. If the further prosecution of the application can be

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facilitated through telephone interview between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

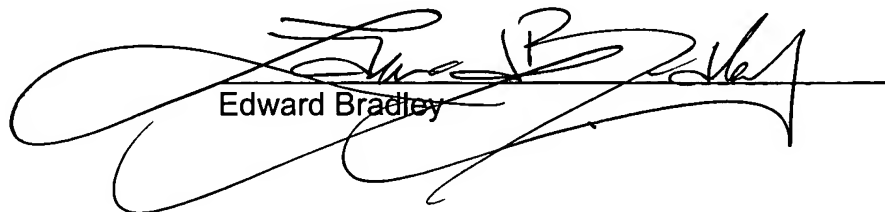
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